

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Arvans Community Council held at St Arvans Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 7.00pm.		Action
2609.01	ATTENDANCE H Hathaway, A Clay, I Costello, B Howells, and County Cllr A Webb Apologies: Cllrs P Farley and P Taylor Also in attendance: C Arvanitis (clerk)	
2609.02	PUBLIC SESSION -Helen Lodder provided an update on Community Speedwatch and a recent visit from PCSO Cordingley. The Council thanked Helen for her involvement in this road safety initiative.	
2609.03	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA -None	
2609.04	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15 July 2026 were approved and duly signed.	
2609.05	MATTERS ARISING -None	
2609.06	REPORTS RECEIVED	
a	Neighbourhood Police Crime & Traffic: report from PCSO Dave Cordingley. -July- fatal road collision, Devauden Road involving a cyclist who lost control and left the carriageway. The collision remains under investigation. -PCSO Cordingley attended a 'Tea and Chat' meeting in September -Proposed upcoming surgeries are as follows: Thursday 22nd October 2026 18:00 – 19:00 hrs Friday 11th December 2026 18:00 – 19:00 hrs Clerk to discuss with the PCSO whether attending 'Tea and Chat' sessions might be more beneficial than having separate surgeries.	CA
b	County Council report: -Road safety in the area around the Piercefield is being considered. -There is Ash dieback tree cutting currently, mainly around Livox. -Overcrowding on school bus transport is being investigated. -The travellers at the Cot have now left.	
c	Other reports: -None.	
2609.07	HIGHWAYS	

	-Monmouthshire County Council have sent through speed data for 2024 compared to 2026 i.e. before and after the road marking changes on Devauden Road. Over this time, the average speed decreased from 25.8 to 23 mph. Recently, a total of 26% of drivers were found to be driving above 30 mph. -The Give Way signage cannot be seen from the top of the hill. Cllr Howells to take up with MCC. -There is some missing and some damaged road signage in the village. Cllr Howells to take up with MCC.	BH																																				
2609.08	ENVIRONMENT																																					
	-Clerk to request cost from Merlin for providing and restocking dog waste bags at dog waste bins. -The Play Inspection Company have been instructed to carry out a health and safety check on the Sports Field.	CA																																				
2609.09	BIODIVERSITY																																					
	-The Council agreed to purchase two further planters along with bedding plants and compost.																																					
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- b The July and August cashbooks were approved:
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<i>Supplier</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
Merlin	Dog waste July	£163.24	
Barclaycard	JAMF (£12.32), Microsoft (£12.10)	£24.42	
Handyperson Mark Jones	Street signage	£129.11	
St Arvans Village Trust	Meet 27.5	£19.00	
Garden City Football	Contrib to mowing		£610.23
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HMRC	Tax July	£124.00	
Clerk	Salary July	£496.50	
HMRC	Employers NIC arrears	£602.09	
Three	Mobile phone	£9.00	
Unity Trust	Bank charge	£7.00	
Total	July	£1,602.86	£610.23

AUGUST

<i>Supplier</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
Barclaycard	JAMF (12.31) and Microsoft (12.10)	£24.41	
Three	Mobile phone	£9.00	
MCC	Precept		£8,333.00
Unity Trust	Bank charge	£7.00	
Total	August	£40.41	£8,333.00

c	The following new payments for September were approved:	CA																														
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d	-It was noted that the Council cannot give gifts. -It was noted that minuted authorisation is needed when the clerk or councillors purchase items. -Approval was given to use Playworks payroll company for the clerk's pay at a cost of £20 per month plus £10 set up fee. -The new NALC salary points were noted taking the clerk's hourly pay from £17.857 to £18.44 (salary point 23 within the LC2 range). Pay increase to be backdated to 1 April 2026.	CA																														
2609.11	PLANNING																															
	New applications: -Proposed communications installation for EE Ltd at Gaer Hill farm (NP16 6EZ, NGR E: 351671 N: 198101), adjacent to police mast- noted.																															
	Planning decisions: -None.																															
2609.12	COMMUNICATIONS																															
	-Broadband for the Meeting Rooms has now been set up.																															
2609.13	PERSONNEL																															
	-Clerk appraisal to be arranged.	CA / TH																														
2607.14	RESILIENCE PLANNING																															
	-Council agreed to continue to update the resilience plan.	All																														
2609.15	RESIDENT SURVEY																															
	-Discussion deferred until October meeting to allow councillors the opportunity to look at the questionnaire in more detail.																															
2609.16	CORRESPONDENCE																															

	-MCC, M48 Severn Bridge Resurfacing Trial -MCC, Media Release: Let's Talk Community -MCC, Fwd: Emergency timetable on bus route 69 from Monday -MCC, Media Release: New Castle Dell Play Area opens in Chepstow -MCC, Media release: More bus improvements on the way for Monmouthshire passengers -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report- week ending 21.08 -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report- week ending 28.08 -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report- week ending 04.09 -MCC, Future of bus route 69 -MCC, Media release: Let's Talk about opportunities to have your say -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report- week ending 11.09 -Summer activities at Tintern Station -OVW, Questionnaire from Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru -OVW, Draft Minutes- One Voice Wales Monmouthshire & Newport Area Committee meeting- 16.7.26 -OVW, Issue 4 of 'Y Llais- The Voice' -OVW, IMPORTANT Letter to Member Councils- Community Boundary Reviews -Aneurin Bevan, Flu vaccination is one of the best ways to help protect against catching and spreading flu	
2609.17	CLERK'S REPORT	
	-Cllr Houghton has been set up as a Minor authority representative for the Dell Primary School.	
2609.18	FORTHCOMING MEETINGS	
	-23 July, Wye Valley Villages Group.	
2609.19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Ordinary)	
	21/10/26, 7.00pm at The Meeting Rooms, St Arvans.	

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Chair's signature:

Date: